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第4話
CHAPTER 4

ON A LUCKY DAY IN MAY,
WE MOVED TO A SLIGHTLY BIGGER APARTMENT.
Fuu~
ALL THE BIG THINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF NOW.
THAT'S ABOUT THE LAST OF IT.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK?
EH? AIKAWA-KUN?

DAZE

ERR...

Are you kidding me?
TO ELABORATE, "WE" REFERS TO ME, DAISUKE,
Full name: Sakiyama Daisuke.

AND THIS BLOCKHEAD HOUICHI.
Real name: Aikawa Yoshikazu

But I don't know where to put it.
UMM...
QUIT YOUR UMMING AND ERRING! ALL YOU'VE DONE SINCE WE BEGAN IS WALK AROUND IN A DAZE HOLDING THAT POT!!
NOW NOW.

A SUPERMARKET BENTO WILL SUFFICE FOR NOW SO AT LEAST WE AREN'T HUNGRY.
"WE" DEFINITELY DOESN'T INCLUDE THIS OLD GEEZER, WEARING AN EXPRESSION AS IF HE'S NATURALLY IN CHARGE OF THIS ENTIRE OPERATION.
BUT SINCE WE ONLY JUST CAME TO THIS AREA, I'M NOT SURE IF ANY NEARBY SHOPS WOULD HAVE IT.
SUCH AN OCCASION CALLS FOR EATING SOBA NOODLES.
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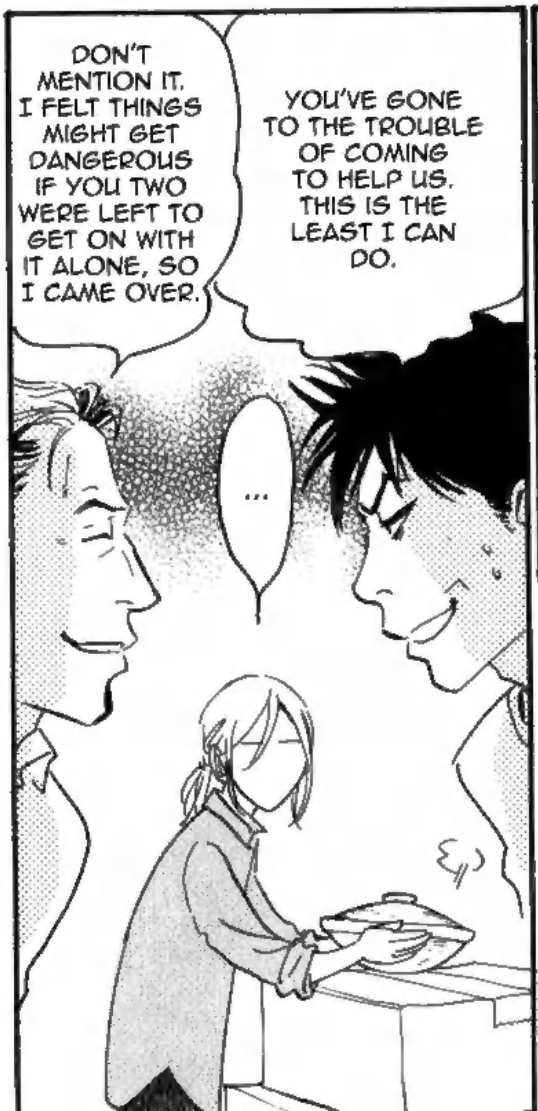

DON'T MENTION IT. I FELT THINGS MIGHT GET DANGEROUS IF YOU TWO WERE LEFT TO GET ON WITH IT ALONE, SO I CAME OVER.
YOU'VE GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF COMING TO HELP US. THIS IS THE LEAST I CAN DO.
...

MAY WE TROUBLE YOU TO MAKE A RUN TO THE STORE, DAISUKE?
Here!
NO THANKS.
I'LL PAY.

THERE IS INDEED A HIGH CHANCE OF THAT HAPPENING.
IF YOU GO YOU'LL GET LOST ON THE ROAD AND NEVER COME BACK.
SO...

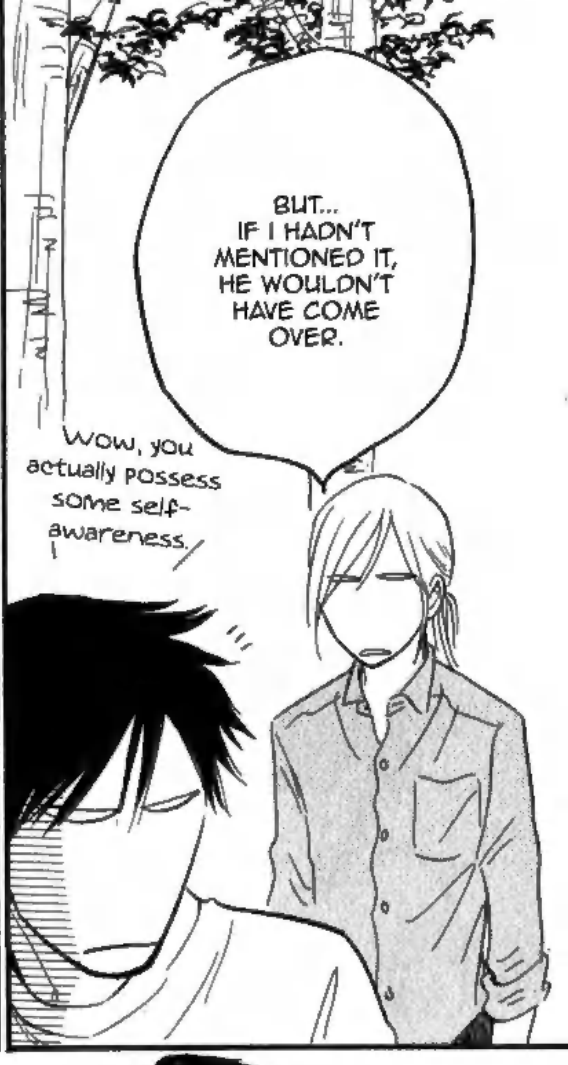
URM-
HOW ABOUT I GO BUY THE BENTO?
NO NEED!
Oh my

HOUICHI AND I WILL GO TOGETHER!
GRAB
! Oh!
KUROSAWA-SAN, PLEASE WATCH THE HOUSE WHILE WE'RE AWAY.
okok
bang!

WHAT?
DAISUKE ...
MY HAND,
IT HURTS.
let go

ARE YOU ANGRY?
DAISUKE ...
...SORRY.
phew~
jolt
ANGRY?
...AT WHAT?
HE SAID SO HIMSELF.
I DECIDED TO COME AND HELP.
AND YOU DIDN'T CALL HIM OVER, RIGHT?
What?!
I'M NOT ANGRY.
BECAUSE I CALLED KUROSAWA-SAN OVER?
turn

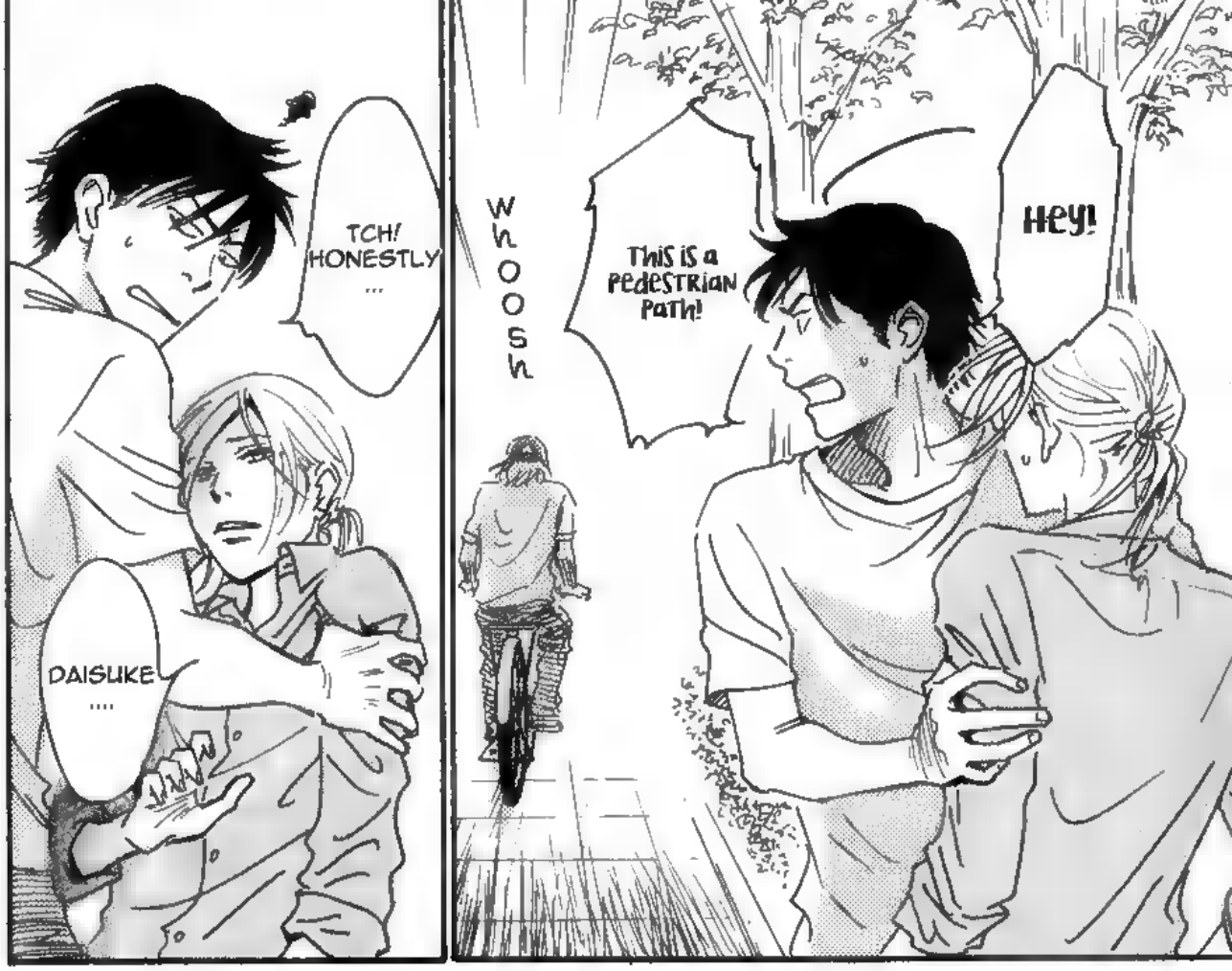
TO BE HONEST, IN THE BEGINNING, I HADN'T INTENDED TO MENTION THE HOUSE MOVE.
Oh, you seem to be lost in a daze lately.
urm- no, I have plans...
Oh yeah, are you free on Sunday?
How come?
I can imagine...
humph!
Oh? What plans?
Well...


BUT... IF I HADN'T MENTIONED IT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE COME OVER.
Wow, you actually possess some self-awareness.

YEAH...
HE'S MY SUPERIOR AT WORK,
HE'S VERY CORDIAL,
SOMETIMES HE EVEN TREATS ME TO DINNER.
IS THAT ALL IT TAKES TO HOOK YOU IN?

fuu...
HUMPH!
BUT,
YOU DON'T REALLY DISLIKE HIM, RIGHT?

BUT IT LOOKS YOU REALLY DO HATE HIM.
I DON'T HATE HIM!
WATCH OUT!
WHOOSH
EH?
ding! ding!

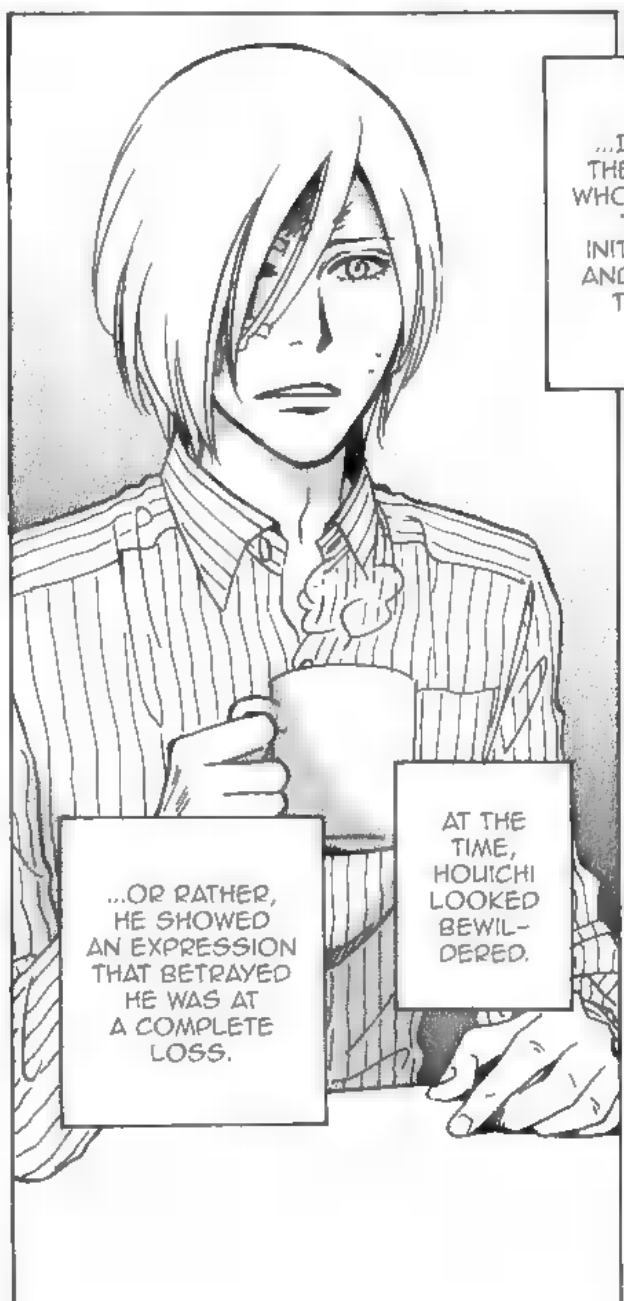

TCH! HONESTLY ...
DAISUKE ....
WHOOSH
This is a pedestrian path!
Hey!

I'M OK.

IF WE'RE TOO SLOW, THAT OLD GEEZER WILL START ON US SAYING ALL MANNER OF HATEFUL THINGS.
LET'S JUST GRAB THE BENTOS AND HURRY BACK.
COME ON.

Belgian chocolate sundae
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO DESCRIBE...
WHAT OUR RELATION-SHIP IS RIGHT NOW.

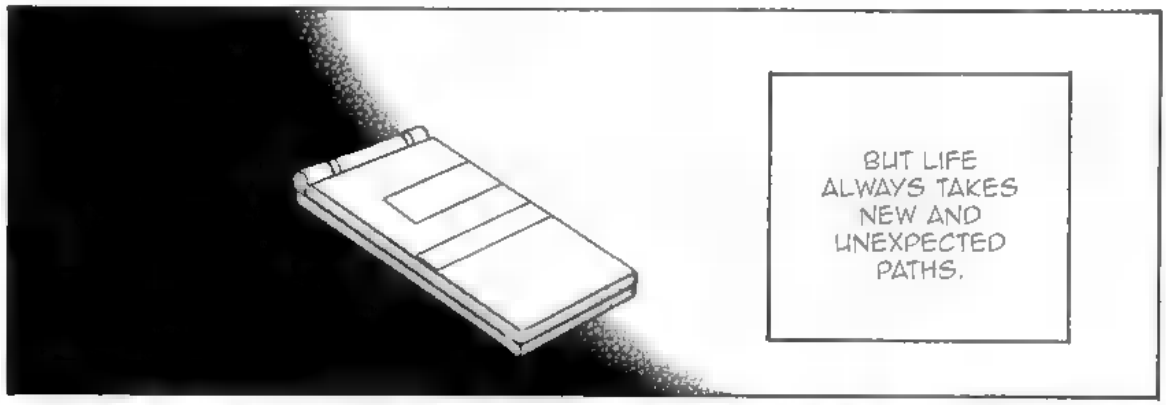
ah
BUT AS FOR HOW TO GO FORWARD FROM HERE ON OUT, I REALLY HAVE NO CLUE.
I'VE ALREADY STEPPED INTO A SCENARIO WHERE OUR RELATIONSHIP IS JUST NOT THAT SIMPLE ANYMORE.
AN UNCLE AND NEPHEW WITH NO BLOOD RELATION...


...I WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND SAID THAT.
...OR RATHER, HE SHOWED AN EXPRESSION THAT BETRAYED HE WAS AT A COMPLETE LOSS.
AT THE TIME, HOUICHI LOOKED BEWIL-DERED.

HOW-
HOW ABOUT WE LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN?

ugh!
DAI-SUKE ...
DO YOU STILL LIKE ME?
I-
I-
I do!
There you go again saying awkward things...
YOU WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH ME?
DOES THAT MEAN...
DESPAIR!
Is that ok?!
BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO THEN I WON'T FORCE YOU!
I WANT TO KISS YOU! I WANT TO MAKE LOVE WITH YOU! I WANT TO BE WITH YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT!

HOUICHI RARELY EVER SAYS ANYTHING SO RESPECTABLE.
BUT THAT'LL BE HARD FOR YOU, WON'T IT?
I...
I CAN HELP YOU WITH HAND JOBS.
SPOKE TOO SOON. AS EXPECTED, NOT THAT RESPECTABLE AFTER ALL.
BUT WHAT YOU WANT IS ROMANTIC LOVE, ISN'T IT?
HOWEVER, HOUICHI DID HAVE A POINT,
SO I TEMPORARILY GAVE UP ON THE IDEA.
I JUST WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FACE MY OLDER SISTER.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME...
But it's perfectly fine to give me a hand job?!


BUT LIFE ALWAYS TAKES NEW AND UNEXPECTED PATHS.

OH, HELLO.
HELLO?
THIS IS KURO-SAWA.
...HUH?

ONE PHONE CALL CHANGED EVERY-THING.
Houichi's calling me?!
Huh?
Roughly 2 months ago.

WHY IS HE CALLING FROM HOUICHI'S NUMBER?
Oh! That old geezer
I'M AT THE HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW.
AIKAWA-KUN WAS THE VICTIM OF A HIT AND RUN...

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME
I TRULY FELT HOW PRECIOUS AND FRAGILE LIFE IS.
病
院
BUT, WHEN I GOT THERE...
HUH?

DIDN'T I SAY SO ON THE PHONE?
YOU CAN GET PRETTY EMOTIONAL, HUH?
haa haa
...YOU WERE HIT BY A BICYCLE?
HOUICHI!
JUST HOW DUMB ARE YOU ANYWAY?!!
Sorry...
NOW NOW,
This isn't a private room after all

THE INITIAL IMPACT ONLY TWISTED AND LIGHTLY GRAZED HIS LEFT WRIST, BUT BECAUSE HE FELL DOWN AND BUMPED HIS HEAD, HE HAD TO BE EXAMINED AT HOSPITAL, AND THUS...

Recently there's an awful lot of people with no manners.

HE WAS WALKING ON THE PEDESTRIAN LANE AS HE SHOULD BE WHEN THE GUY ON THE BICYCLE TRIED TO OVERTAKE AND HIT HIM.

AIKAWA-KUN'S NOT TO BLAME.

HOW'S YOUR WOUND? DOES IT STILL HURT?

daze~

AHH~ I'M OK.

HAVE YOU BEEN EATING PROPERLY?

MY MUM WHO LIVES IN THE OKAYAMA COUNTRYSIDE HURRIEDLY CAME TO TOKYO.

BAM!

YO-CHAN!

Houichi's beloved biological older sister

BACK IN OKAYAMA, MY PATERNAL GRANDMA STILL NEEDS LOOKING AFTER.

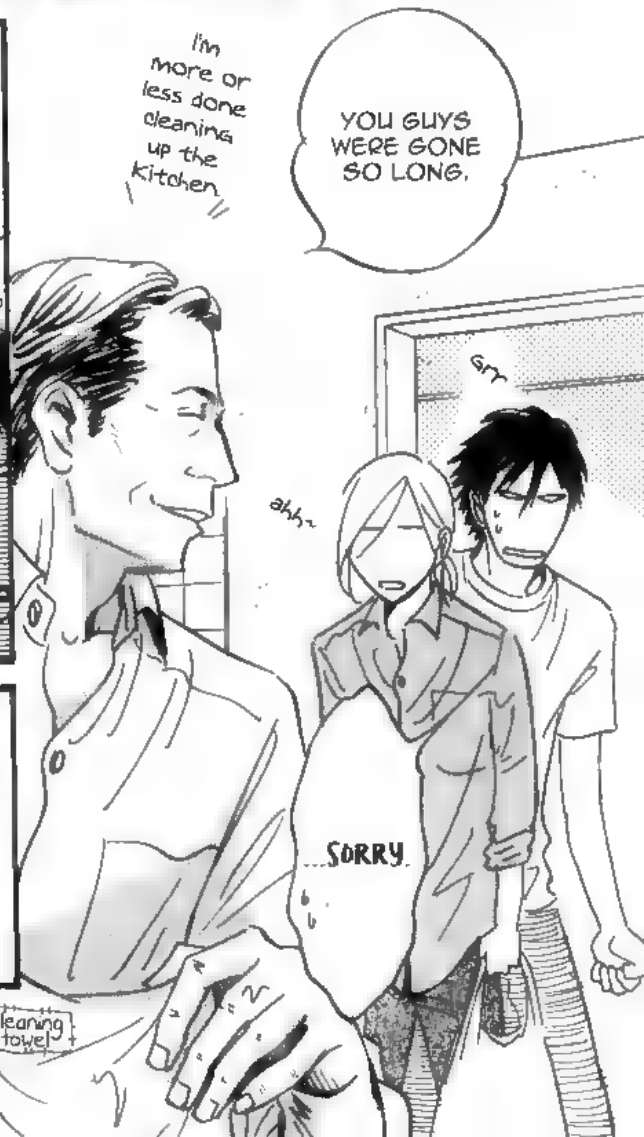
ALTHOUGH I REALLY WANT TO STAY AND LOOK AFTER YOU, THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH TO DO AT HOME...

AND WHEN I REMEMBER THAT, THE FEELINGS THAT I HAVE FOR HOUICHI NOW, IT SOMEHOW FEELS LIKE I'M REPAYING THEIR KINDNESS WITH INGRATITUDE...
WHEN I THINK OF IT CAREFULLY, IT WAS ALL THANKS TO THE KINDNESS OF THIS CARING COUPLE DECIDING TO RAISE ME THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET HOUICHI...
I KNOW!
AH?
YOU GUYS SHOULD LIVE TOGETHER AGAIN!
AT TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED FAMILY AT YOUR SIDE!
THIS WAY WE CAN SET OUR MINDS AT EASE!
AND THAT'S HOW...
.....
RIGHT! SOUNDS GOOD TO ME! WHAT DO YOU SAY?!

WELCOME BACK.
That was a long flash-back...
...WE GOT HERE.
clack

HMM... THINK I'LL HAVE THE BENTO.
KUROSAWA-SAN, DO YOU WANT THE FRIED CHICKEN OR BENTO MEAL?
AS I THOUGHT, HE'S A NASTY, SARCASTIC OLD MAN...
turn
carrying on oblivious~

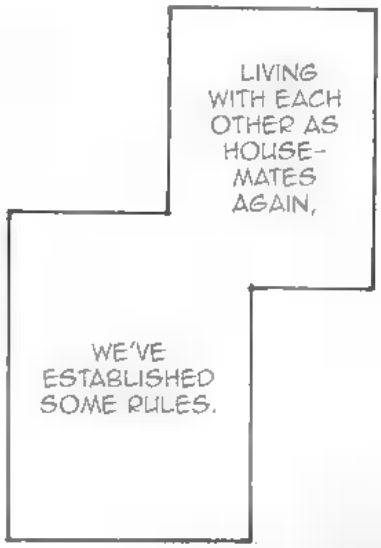
eh...
YOU GUYS GO AHEAD AND EAT.
I'M GOING TO THE TOILET.
AH-


I'm more or less done cleaning up the kitchen.
YOU GUYS WERE GONE SO LONG.
grr
ahh~
...SORRY.
cleaning towel

.....
RUSTLE
GRRR
AND AFTER YOU GOT THE CHANCE TO LIVE WITH YOUR BELOVED UNCLE AGAIN.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE BEEN PULLING THAT LONG FACE ALL DAY.
THIS IS JUST MY REGULAR FACE.
R-REALLY?
I KNEW IT! THERE'S JUST NO SEEING EYE TO EYE WITH THIS GEEZER...
ANNOYED!
WELL... JUST DO YOUR BEST.
Ke ke ke
I SEE I SEE.

HIS FACE SAYS "I CAN SEE THROUGH THE BOTH OF YOU..."
makes me so mad!
YES, Thank you ever so much for everything you've done today!
THANK YOU.
OH, NO NEED TO SEE ME OFF.
WELL, I'LL BE GOING NOW.

clack
fuun
Oh, that reminds me...


LIVING WITH EACH OTHER AS HOUSE-MATES AGAIN,
WE'VE ESTABLISHED SOME RULES.

HOW ABOUT...
WE PUT ON SOME HOT WATER?
OK...

AND...
ONE RULE BEING THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE A NORMAL UNCLE AND NEPHEW RELATIONSHIP.
ANOTHER BEING THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE OUR OWN BEDROOMS.
...HUH?
YOU SHOULD GET BACK TOGETHER WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND.
DAISUKE,
NO! NO! NO!
EH?
Oh...you heard about that?
LET ME SEE...HER NAME WAS KAORIN?
DIDN'T YOU START DATING A GIRL LAST YEAR?

...
IN THAT CASE...
HOW CAN I JUST GET BACK TOGETHER WITH HER?!
I ALREADY BROKE UP WITH HER!
AND ANYWAY, SHE WOULD DEFINITELY REFUSE!

EVEN THOUGH,
I DON'T WANT TO FIND A NEW GIRLFRIEND AT ALL.
.....
Sip~

...
AH...
I'LL... DO MY BEST.

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND A NEW GIRLFRIEND,
OK?

HE NEEDN'T BE SO ON HIS GUARD AGAINST ME, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO AMBUSH HIM...
fuu...
LIVING TOGETHER AGAIN WAS SO HARD TO COME BY, AND NOW I COME UP AGAINST THIS NEW LINE OF DEFENSE.
clothes
AH-
OK...
BA-DUMI
I'M DONE NOW.
SHO-WER,
knock knock
DAI-SUKE-
YES?

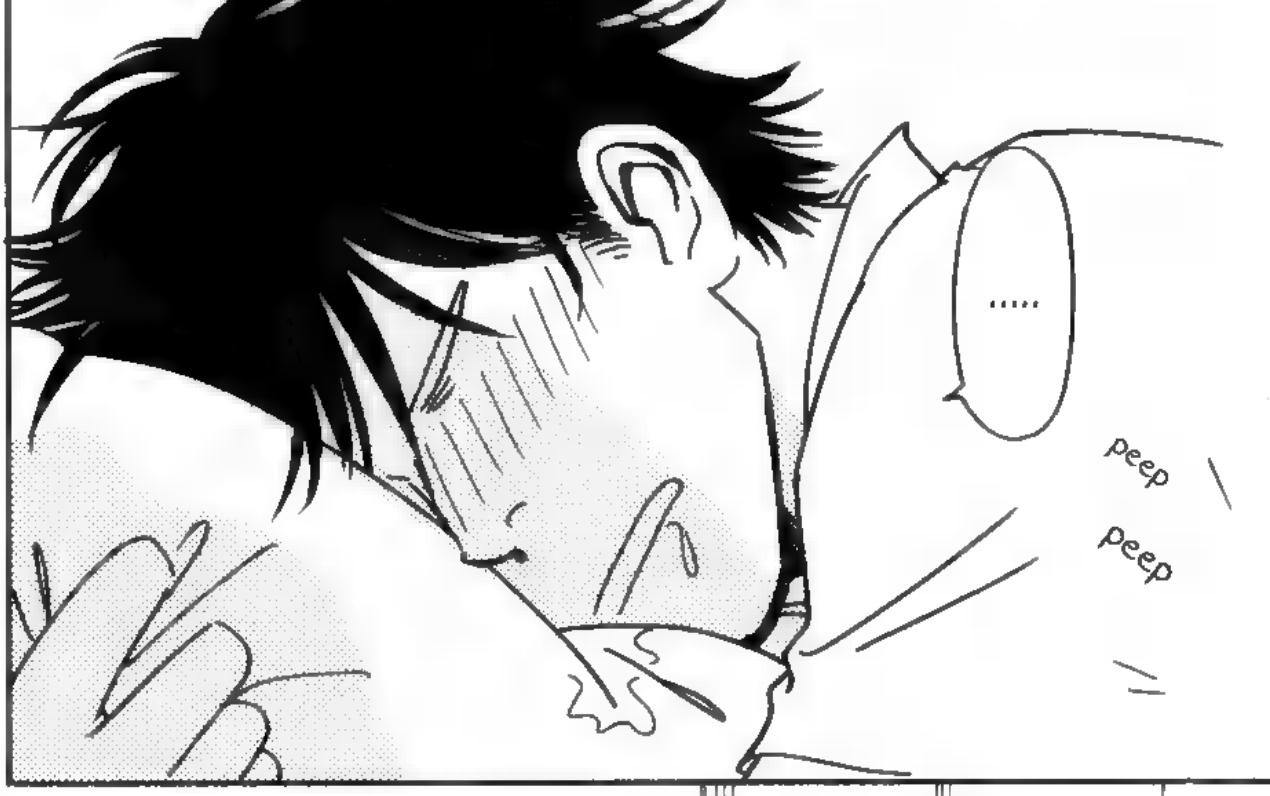
I NEED TO CALM DOWN!
DAM-MIT, MY HEART'S RACING...
I'M NOT A PERVERT WHO GETS TURNED ON BY STUFF LIKE THIS!
SHAKE! SHAKE!
Ah!
NO! NO! NO!
censored
bath fragrance
It has the light smell of pomelo...
THE WATER HOUICH! WASHED IN...
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO SUFFERING A LIVING HELL?
bubble bubble
LIVING TOGETHER AGAIN WASN'T EASY TO COME BY...

knock knock
YES?
SURE.
?
...DAISUKE, DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
?
What do you mean?
...WHAT?
IF... ITS JUST ABOUT TAKING CARE OF BODILY NEEDS,
I'M OK WITH IT...
WHAT?
URM...
ERR...
?
WHAT IS IT?

I CAN'T HELP FEELING LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAVE A LOT ON YOUR PLATE,
HUH?!
TOO MUCH TENSION ISN'T GOOD FOR THE BODY.
NO! NO!
HANG ON A SEC–
fall...
WHAT IS GOING ON?!!

HE...
MUST BE KID-DING?
HN
HNN
SINCE WHEN DID HOUICHI BECOME SO ENTHU-SIASTIC?
Haa
OH NO,
I CAN'T STOP...
...HOU-ICHI?

HOUICHI
Haa
Haa
HOUICHI
I-


.....
peep
peep

HAVING THIS KIND OF DREAM IS SO EMBARRASSING.
Having our own bedrooms is a good thing after all.
BUT IT WAS SUCH A GOOD DREAM...
Ah~

UNN...
RISE
peep
peep
peep
AHH, I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.
OF COURSE IT WOULDN'T BE THAT EASY.
Ha ha

THE ROAD AHEAD IS ROUGH INDEED.
Heh-
CAN I REALLY GO ON LIKE THIS?
fwoosh

OH
GOOD MOR-NING.

WAH...

EH?!
ARE YOU MAKING BREAK-FAST?!
for real?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
YES, FOR REAL.
WELL, AT ANY RATE I CAN MANAGE THIS MUCH.

NO,
Dammit, I can't help smiling.
IT'S NO-THING.
...WHAT?
YOU'RE MAKING BIG PROGRESS!
NO NO, THIS IS GREAT.
SORRY, I COULDN'T MAKE ANYTHING FANCY.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY READY-MADE STUFF,
THE MERE FACT THAT HOUICHI MADE IT FOR ME,
MAKES ME HAPPY BEYOND REASON.

YUP... I FEEL LIKE I CAN GO ON LIKE THIS.
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS WILL GO FROM HERE,
AT LEAST WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOR THE TIME BEING.
THIS IS ENOUGH.
EH? DAISUKE!
OH, HEY.

WE'RE HAVING A GET-TOGE-THER.
ARE YOU FREE TONIGHT?
NEVER MIND.
AH- NO CAN DO. I HAVE TO WORK TONIGHT.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT? WHERE'S YOUR USUAL SCOWL?
HUH?
OH
WAS I REALLY SMILING?
Dammit!
You're being weird.

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT A NEW GIRLFRIEND, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU HAVEN'T DATED SINCE KAORI DUMPED YOU 6 MONTHS AGO, RIGHT?
SOME GIRLS FROM N UNIVERSITY WILL BE THERE.

ERR...
COME ON- YOU COULD COME ONCE IN A WHILE, YA KNOW!

UH- UHM-
I... DON'T NEED A GIRLFRIEND RIGHT NOW.
You make me so mad!

BUT WHY?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS!
BUT ACTUALLY, IT WAS ME WHO INITIATED THE BREAK UP.
I TOLD ALL MY FRIENDS I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS DUMPED.
I KEPT IT A SECRET AND DATED YOU ANYWAY, I'M REALLY SORRY...
TRUTH BE TOLD, I HAVE SOMEONE ELSE THAT I LIKE.
...
THAT'S DESPI-CABLE!
YOU CAN HIT ME UNTIL YOU DON'T FEEL ANGRY ANYMORE.
YES...
I'M TRULY SORRY.

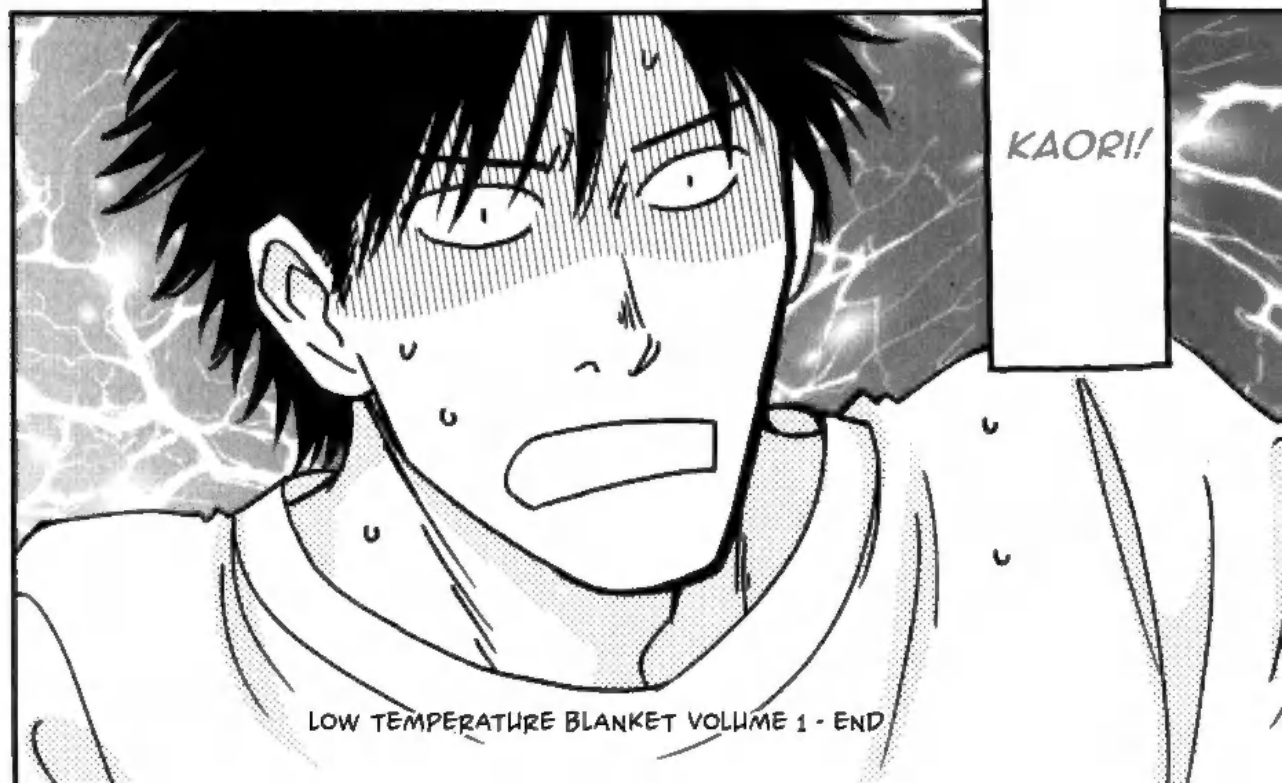
KAORI...
YOU REALLY THINK I'M SO FICKLE IN LOVE?
THAT I WAS JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU?
waa
waa
waa
waa
drip
drop
...YOU REALLY THINK HITTING YOU A FEW TItimes WILL JUST GET RID OF MY ANGER?
clench
...
waa
waa
...OF COURSE,
YOU STILL DESERVE A BEATING!
ROW
KYU

Aha ha
I NEVER WANT TO SEE A REPEAT.
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME EVER I MADE A GIRL CRY.
I'm never inviting you out again!
Tch!
...THAT IS ONE MEAN RIGHT HOOK SHE HAS THERE...
OH NO!
I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR WORK.
I WONDER IF KAORI HAS A NEW BOYFRIEND NOW.
Waa!
I better run or I won't make it!

clack
OH NO, IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE.
I'M BAAACK~
HOUICHI? ABOUT DINNER...
BLUE

...WHAT IS THIS? IT CAN'T BE...
....HUH?
THAT HOUICHI... BROUGHT A GIRL HOME... CAN IT?

JUST A MINUTE–
Ha ha ha ha THAT'S HILA-RIOUS!
HOUICHI -SAN, YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING!
STOP IT! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
Aha ha!
...WHAT ON EARTH?
THROW
THAT VOICE,
IT CAN'T BE...
slam!
BLUE



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Afterword

The first volume of low temperature blanket is finally complete!

he he

Hello everyone, Kunieda here.

So gradually it turned into a series... Since I didn't initially plan a long story, even I don't know how it will end.

hmm

What is it that I want to draw?

As it turns out, the 2 main characters must fall in love for the story to truly be considered a BL.

IT'S NOT COMPLETE LIKE THIS?

agent

ah~

I guess you're right.

The first chapter was initially supposed to be a oneshot.

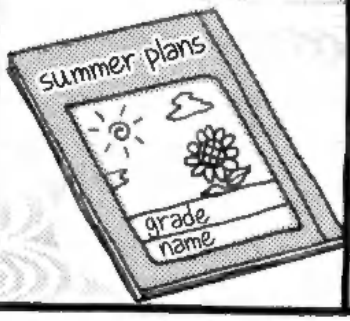
And with this kind of slow progress, we will carry on to volume 2, where I willl definitely write a better afterword...

aaah

This person is even more useless than me.

smirk

I learned that one must have a plan in order for work to go smoothly. (I'm only just comprehending this.)



HOW WILL THE STORY DEVELOP? HOW WILL IT END?

IF WE DON'T HAVE A STORY, THERE'S NO WAY TO PLAN WHEN THE FIRST VOLUME WILL BE PUBLISHED...

ah~ you're right.